



Vestal Central School District

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District schedules annual Early Dismissal Drill for students in Vestal Schools

All students in the Vestal Central School District and all students who ride Vestal buses to non-public schools will be dismissed 15 minutes early on Thursday, October 4, 2018, to test emergency evacuation procedures. As a result, children who normally ride the bus will arrive at their destination 15 minutes sooner than usual.

Parents of children who walk, are picked up from school or attend after-school care programs should make appropriate arrangements for the early arrival of their child. This early dismissal drill will not affect the late-bus runs from Vestal Middle School and Vestal High School.

Please note, the District will also be testing a new emergency notification system on October 4. Parents and guardians of Vestal students can expect to receive a phone call from the system, **School Messenger**, that evening. Text messages will be available, and parents/guardians wishing to receive notification texts must “opt-in” when they receive the **SchoolMessenger** text message. The system text will have instructions as to how to respond to the message in order to continue receiving text messages.

The Vestal Central School District conducts an annual test of its emergency management plan for sheltering and early dismissal to comply with regulations of the New York State Education Department. The purpose of the annual test is to ensure that appropriate and safe responses to any emergency situation can be implemented. If anyone has questions concerning these procedures, please contact the district’s Director of Special Services Thomas E. Comerford, III, at tecomerford@vestal.k12.ny.us.

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